

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised to reflect AM549

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB598 would create the Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Act. The act would provide grants to be distributed by the Department of Economic Development (DeD). Eligible applicants would include for profit businesses that are located within the state of Nebraska and had no more than one million dollars of gross revenue in the most recently completed calendar year. Grants would be eligible for distribution during a qualifying event, which means any natural disaster, pandemic, or other event for which a state of emergency proclamation is issued by the Governor pursuant to section 81-829.40.

Businesses are deemed eligible for grants from DeD if their gross revenue over a period of one month or more has declined by at least 50% from the amount of gross revenue received over the same period in the prior year. The business must include sufficient documentation to show the loss of revenue. Qualifying businesses are entitled to grant awards. Each grant must not exceed \$12,000. Grant funding and distribution is limited by the available appropriations, allowing qualifying business to submit multiple applications.

DED implemented a similar program for the distribution of Federal CARES Act funds and used a contracting service to distribute the funds. If this legislation were implemented the agency would do the same. Cost for contracting services was approximately \$750,000.

AM549 struck intent language to appropriate funds for grants. If such funds are appropriated, there is no basis to disagree with the agency's assessment. There is currently no intent to fund the program. No fiscal impact.